



ORDER NO. 09-12-20-05

**EMERGENCY CLOSURE ORDER OF THE FOREST SUPERVISOR
RESTRICTING OCCUPANCY AND USE, TO WIT:
HOOSIER NATIONAL FOREST, INDIANA**

Under the authority of the Act of Congress dated June 4, 1897, as amended (16 U.S.C. 551), and pursuant to the Secretary of Agriculture's Regulations set forth as 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart B (36 CFR 261.50(a) and (b)), the following acts and omissions are prohibited on the Hoosier National Forest located in Indiana due to the hazards created by the COVID-19 pandemic. Said areas being described and designated as shown on the map set forth as Appendix A, which is attached hereto and made a part hereto:

1. The following are prohibited:

- a. Being within an area or facility listed in this Order, and as shown on the map attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit, as closed for reasons of public health and safety. 36 CFR § 261.53(e).

The following areas are ordered closed on the Hoosier National Forest:

- All Developed Campgrounds. Horse camps are open for the purpose of parking for access to trails only, no other day use or camping is permitted.
- All Developed Day Use Areas (including visitor centers, picnic areas and historic sites), with the exception of trails, associated trailheads and their parking lots, and boat launches.
- Hickory Ridge Fire Tower
- All toilet facilities

- b. Using any area within Hoosier National Forest by a group larger than ten (10) people at one time. Groups larger than 10 people must split into smaller groups and recreate at least 200 yards apart. 36 CFR § 261.58 (f).

2. Duration: The prohibitions of this Order shall remain in effect until terminated by the Forest Supervisor.

3. Exemptions: Pursuant to 36 CFR §261.50 (e), the following persons are exempt from the prohibitions contained in this Order:

- a. Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission (36 CFR 261.50(e)(1));
- b. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of any organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty (36 CFR 261.50(e)(4)).

4. General Prohibitions: The General Prohibitions set forth in 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart A (§§261.1-261.23), remain in effect. The prohibitions set forth herein pursuant to 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart B (§§261.50-261.58) are in addition to the General Prohibitions.

Violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000.00 for an individual or \$10,000.00 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both (16 U.S.C. 551 and 18 U.S.C. 3559 and 3571).

Dated this 9th day of April 2020, at Bedford, Indiana.

/s/ Michael Chaveas

Michael Chaveas
Forest Supervisor

Hoosier National Forest

APPENDIX A Developed Recreation Site Closure Order 09-12-20-05

LEGEND

-  Hoosier Forest Boundary
-  US Forest Service Land

All developed recreation facilities on the Hoosier National Forest are closed. This includes all restrooms, campgrounds, horse camps, and the Hickory Ridge Lookout Tower.



Date: 4/7/2020

